

(b) Are the Government aware that many officers and non-officials who are residents of Trivandrum seek the aid of the Neyyoor Mission Hospital even for minor operations?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Year	No. of major operations.	No. of deaths.	Percentage of deaths.
1106	164	8	4.9
1107	490	28	5.8
For the 1st ten months of 1108.	387	14	3.6

(b) Government have no information.

Construction of a bridge across the Periyar at the Alwaye ferry.

108. ***MR. R. SAMBASIVA AIYAR** (*Kunnatnad II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) whether they are in receipt of plans and estimate for a bridge over the Periyar at the Alwaye ferry;
- (b) the estimated cost of the same;
- (c) when the Government will be able to start the said bridge;
- (d) the volume of traffic along the said ferry per mensem; and
- (e) whether the Government have any idea of the number of students that pass through that ferry per day?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): (a) The answer is in the negative.

(b) No regular estimate has been prepared; but a suitable bridge is roughly estimated to cost Rs. 2½ lakhs.

(c) When the financial conditions improve.

(d) 8,000 to 10,000 people a day on market days and 3,000 to 4,000 on other days besides cars, cycles, carts, and animals, each per day being 45, 43, 19 and 519 respectively.

(e) No separate statistics have been maintained.

The Pleaders'hip Class.

109. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pleaders'hip class in Travancore is permanently abolished or temporarily suspended in the local Law College;
- (b) the reason for the abolition or suspension of the Pleaders'hip Class in the Trivandrum Law College; and
- (c) the date of the abolition or suspension?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) The Pleaders'hip Class, Law College, has been temporarily suspended for a period of five years from the academic year 1933-1934.

Mr. K. George.

(b) The abolition of the Pleadership Class was first urged by the Unemployment Enquiry Committee (vide paragraphs 94 and 95 of the Report). Retrenchment Committee also made a suggestion to the same effect in August 1932. Both the High Court and the Principal, Law College, to whom the matter was referred, recommended the abolition of the class. The Unemployment Enquiry Committee expressed the opinion that the facilities provided for legal education erred on the side of excess. The Law's Delays Commissioner has observed in his report that the Bar is getting crowded day by day and that there is no longer any need for a class of lawyers with a lower standard of education and attainments than that of Graduates-in-Law.

After careful consideration of the whole question, Government decided that the Pleadership Class need not be abolished, but that it might be suspended for a period of five years for the present.

(c) Vide answer to (a).

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether those who are not graduates are allowed to join the law course in other countries, such as England, Germany, etc.?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether the Pleader-ship Class was not to aid the unemployment problem in regard to literate people?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): On the contrary, the Unemployment Committee is of opinion that it is better to abolish the class to cure unemployment.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Government intend re-starting the class after 5 years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is only just now abolished and there are more than four years to run. At present, it cannot be said at so early a date in any way.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): When the Pleadership Class was in existence, was not the Law College self-supporting?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Even otherwise it is self-supporting.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether it will not be good in the interest of the people of the State, that law course is recontinued after three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That has to be considered separately. For the present, this order stands.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know whether the recommendation of the Retrenchment Committee was for suspension or abolition of the Pleadership Class.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Retrenchment Committee recommended the permanent abolition.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): Was the recommendation unanimous?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know from the member, how many members of the committee supported the abolition?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the member give an assurance that unless appreciable improvement is made in the educated unemployment, could not Pledership class be revived then?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government did not consider in all their aspects the reports of the Unemployment Committee, the Law's Delays Committee and the Retrenchment Committee, when they recommended the abolition of the Pledership Class?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, they were considered.

*Publication of the "Sathyamathanweshanam" by
Thomas Kathanar.*

110. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have received representations from different parts of the State regarding the abuse of the Holy Prophet Mahomed by one Thomas Kathanar, Mannancherry, in a book called "Sathyamathanweshanam";

(b) what action they have taken on the matter; and

(c) whether they have proscribed the above-said book "Sathyamathanweshanam" or at least asked the author to remove the most objectionable portions wounding the feelings of the Muslims?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know when the first representation was received by the Government?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): 24th July 1932.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that there is a widespread feeling among the Muslims in this matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes, they are aware.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Then, may I know, is it not desirable to take prompt action?